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1. REFTELS REPORT INTEREST OF SOME ASEAN COUNTRIES IN PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED PROPOSALS FOR COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US. EMBASSY JAKARTA HAS, HOWEVER, OBTAINED NO EVIDENCE THAT GOI SHARES THIS INTEREST.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL SENSE OF OUTRAGE WITH WHICH NEWS OF OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP BENEFITS BY 1974 TRADE ACT WAS RECIEVED IN INDONESIA. DESPITE GOI'S READINESS
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TO TAKE A BROAD VIEW OF TRADE ISSUES IN MTN, CONSIDERATION

OF U.S. COMMERCIAL RELATIONS POLICY HAS SINCE BEEN
HEAVILY OVERSHADOWED BY THIS DISMAYED REACTION.

3. SAME ATMOSPHERE CONTINUES TO CAST A PALL OVER
INDONESIA'S VIEW OF DESIRABILITY ASEAN CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE US. IF IT WERE NOT FOR OPEC EXCLUSION ISSUE WE
WOULD EXPECT INDONESIA TO BE IN FOREFRONT OF THOSE
PRESSING FOR SUCH CONTACTS. FAIRLY REGULAR CONTACT WITH
TRADE AND DEPLU OFFICIALS ON MATTERS RELATED TO ASEAN
HAVE AFFORDED AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO EXPRESS CHANGE
OF HEART, BUT NO SUCH EXPRESSION HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING.

4. ATMOSPHERE WE SENSE HERE CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF SOME-
WHAT TENSE WAITING TO SEE WHETHER CONGRESS WILL AGREE TO
ADMINISTRATION REQUEST TO EXTEND GSP BENEFITS TO INDONESIA
AND OTHER OIL PRODUCERS WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN EMBARGO.
IT DOES NOT PROVIDE A SUITABLE SETTING FOR A RENEWAL OF
OUR PROPOSAL FOR ASEAN CONSULTATIONS AT USG INITIATIVE.

5. NOTE ALSO THAT ASEAN SECRETARIAT HAS NOT YET BEEN
ESTABLISHED IN JAKARTA.
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